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Sent: Monday 11 November 2024 16:38
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Subject: FW: S177AE application, Woodquay Park, Galway Coity
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A Chara,

The Board acknowledges receipt of your email, official correspondence will issue in due course.

Kind regards,

Lauren

From: Simon Dolan (Housing) <Simon.Dolan@npws.gov.ie>
Sent: Monday 11 November 2024 13:51
To: LAPS <laps@pleanala.ie>
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Attached please find the Archaeological recommendations.

Regards,

Simon Dolan

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Planning Ref: 177AE- Woodquay-GC
(Please quote in all related correspondence)

11 November 2024

The Secretary
An Bord Pleanála
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Via email: laps@pleanala.ie

Re: Notification under the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended

Proposed Development: Section 177AE application for Upgrades and Enhancements to
Woodquay Park, Galway City

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I refer to correspondence received in connection with the above. Outlined below are heritage-related observations/recommendations co-ordinated by the Development Applications Unit under the stated headings.

Archaeology

It is noted that the proposed development site (PDS) is partially located within the established and defined historic town core of Galway City, a Recorded Monument GA094-100--- (Historic town). This area is subject to statutory protection in the Record of Monuments and Places (RMP) established under Section 12 of the National Monuments (Amendment) Act 1994. Given the scale and location of the PDS, it is possible that previously unrecorded subsurface archaeological remains associated with the history and development of Galway City may be disturbed during the course of groundworks required for the development.

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage has reviewed the desk-based Archaeological Impact Assessment report submitted in support of the planning application (prepared by Tobar Archaeological Services Ltd; dated September 2024). The Department acknowledges the findings of the desk-based assessment and broadly concurs with the archaeological impact statement and recommended mitigation (Archaeological Monitoring) set out in Section 7 of the report.

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Therefore, due to the location of the proposed development site and in line with national policy – see Section 3.7 of *Framework and Principles for the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage* (1999) – the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, recommends that licensed Archaeological Monitoring, as described below, be included as a condition of any grant of planning permission that may issue.

Note the below conditions align with Sample Conditions C.4, C.6 and C.7 as set out in *OPR Practice Note PN03: Planning Conditions* (October 2022), with appropriate site-specific additions/adaptations based on the particular characteristics of this development and the findings of the desk-based Archaeological Impact Assessment report. It is recommended that the below wording be reproduced *verbatim* in any grant of planning that may issue in order to ensure that adequate archaeological mitigation is in place.

Archaeological Conditions:

1. All mitigation measures in relation to archaeology and cultural heritage as set out in the Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA) report (Tobar Archaeological Services Ltd; September 2024) included in the application documents shall be implemented in full, except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with the below conditions. In this regard, the developer shall:
 - (a) Retain / engage a suitably qualified Archaeologist to carry out Archaeological Monitoring (licensed under the National Monuments Acts) of all site investigations, site clearance works, topsoil stripping and other groundworks associated with the development. The use of appropriate machinery to ensure the preservation and recording of any surviving archaeological remains shall be necessary. No ground disturbance shall take place in the absence of the Archaeologist without his/her express consent.
 - (b) Should archaeological remains be identified during the course of archaeological monitoring, all works shall be suspended in the area of archaeological interest pending a decision of the Planning Authority, in consultation with the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage, regarding appropriate mitigation (preservation *in situ* / excavation).
 - (c) The developer shall facilitate the Archaeologist in recording any remains identified. Any further archaeological mitigation requirements specified by the Planning Authority, following consultation with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, shall be complied with by the developer.
 - (d) Following the completion of all archaeological work on site and any necessary post-excavation specialist analysis, the Planning Authority and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage shall be furnished with a final archaeological report describing the results of the monitoring and any subsequent required archaeological investigative work/excavation required. All resulting and associated archaeological costs shall be borne by the developer.
2. The Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) shall include the location of any and all archaeological or cultural heritage constraints relevant to the proposed development [as set out in the AIA. The CEMP shall clearly describe all identified likely archaeological impacts, both direct and indirect, and all mitigation



measures to be employed to protect the archaeological or cultural heritage environment during all phases of site preparation and construction activity.

Reason: To ensure the continued preservation (either *in situ* or by record) of places, caves, sites, features or other objects of archaeological interest.

You are requested to send further communications to this Department's Development Applications Unit (DAU) at manager.dau@hnpws.gov.ie where used, or to the following address:

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